

REVOLT LEADERS FLEE BERLIN

INCOME TAX RETURNS IN REGION WAY BELOW LAST YEAR

TAX FALLS FAR SHORT IN REGION

Gary Steel Corporation Employees Report Half of Income Tax They Did in 1919

Income tax returns from cities of the Calumet region this year are expected to fall far below the amount received last year. Although records are not available to show just how much the slump will be in this district it is said by revenue officials that the drop will be marked.

Strikes are said to have played a large part in cutting down the revenue which the government would otherwise have received. Not only were the incomes of the working men reduced by the periods of idleness, but the plants affected also suffered through curtailed production. This is the best shown by the returns from the Gary steel mills. A branch office was opened there by the Revenue Department to receive the tax from the employees. Only about 3,500 of the 12,000 employees filed returns this year. The government received between \$10,000 and \$50,000 in revenue from the area of the mills whereas last year they paid over \$115,000.

Hammond and Gary share the honor of collecting the lowest possible tax—one cent. Each city had an unemployed man whose income was just enough over \$1000 to make him eligible. The Gary man earned \$1,000.20 in 1919. There were several who paid two and three cents. These "joke" taxes were expensive propositions for the public. In the first place the employer had to keep record of the salary received and furnish the employee a total at the end of the year. The employee spent his own time and the time of the revenue officials in filling out and filing the return. The officials had to make out his return in triplicate and forward the money to Indianapolis where more record keeping is necessary before the money is sent to Washington.

If the revenue officials had followed the usual custom of having these taxpayers purchase money orders for their amounts to forward to Indianapolis it would have cost them three cents to pay their one-cent taxes.

The rush of taxpayers continued until after 11 o'clock Monday night at the Hammond office and since then a few have been struggling in each day saying they had just heard about the income tax. These men are paying the 25 per cent penalty which attaches to delinquents.

FOREMAN DISCHARGED TRAIN CREW QUILTS

Because R. B. Williams of South Harbor, a foreman at the Mark Manufacturing Plant, was discharged without a charge satisfactory to the men, several locomotive engineers and firemen left their work yesterday and declared themselves on strike until Williams is re-employed or a specific reason for his discharge is furnished. One of the strikers claims the number who went out is seventeen, while the plant officials place the number at nine.

Plant officials are not worried and do not consider the men on strike, but claim that the men have quit work. According to officials, the number is no greater than is quitting each day and the vacancies have already been filled.

STEEL WORKER IS KILLED BY CRANE

Joe Morovich, a former resident of Indiana Harbor who recently moved to South Chicago, was killed at the Mark Plant yesterday when he was crushed by a crane. Morovich was thirty-four years of age. Deputy coroner H. H. Morris will hold an inquest tomorrow.

BRITISH OCCUPY CONSTANTINOPLE

LONDON, March 17.—Following the occupation of Constantinople, it was admitted in the house of commons this afternoon by A. Bonar Law, government leader.

Nine Turks and two British were killed in the skirmishes.

The British now dominate the telegraph, postal service, the Bosphorus and will continue to do so, Law stated, until peace has been signed.

GOV. LOWDEN IS ILL

SENATOR, Mich., March 18.—Gov. Lowden, of Illinois, is in bed today suffering from a heavy cold contracted on his tour through the upper peninsula and he has cancelled his speaking date at Evanston.

Johnson Has Blood In His Eye

California Senator Says He Will Henceforth Give No Political Quarter.

[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE] WASHINGTON, March 18.—Senator Hiram Johnson came back to Washington today with blood in his eye. As soon as he has cast his vote against the treaty, it was announced, he would return to the fray and henceforth show no quarter to what he dubs the "trick" politics of political machines.

The senator's ire was aroused by what he termed the "fake primary" in Minnesota, fostered, he charged, by a political machine favoring Sen. Leonard Wood's candidacy and which he claimed lasted but one hour. At Wood headquarters here the inclination was to treat the matter merely in the light of practical politics. George C. Peck, in charge in the capital, smilingly declared that Senator Johnson ought to feel himself lucky to come out of the Minnesota primaries as well as he did.

Senator Johnson broke off his Michigan campaign in the middle to return here and cast his vote against the ratification of the treaty. He said he would return to that state and later carry his fight into other states as soon as the situation here permits.

WOMAN STEPS FROM MOVING CAR

Serious Accident on Gary & Interurban Car in Hammond Last Night.

Stepping from a moving Gary & Interurban street car at Summer and Kennedy ave. last night, Mrs. David Hayes, 574 Wilcox st., was thrown to the pavement and seriously injured. She was taken home in the police ambulance. Her condition is said to be critical.

The street car on which she was a passenger had come to a stop at Kennedy ave. and Summer st. while the conductor received orders from Gary via a telephone pole. The motorman was given the signal to proceed and was joined by the conductor, who leaped out to the front platform. Mrs. Hayes did not realize until too late that she had stepped from the car because of the darkness, and becoming confused, attempted to leave the moving car by the back door. She was on her way to visit a son in Hessville.

KOVACH BROS. CLOSE-OUT SALE

Within ten days, according to present plans, another room will be vacant in the old Heintz block at the corner of State and Horman streets, Hammond, another step in preparation for the erection of the big hotel and theatre building on the site. Kovach Bros., who conduct a general furnishing store in the second room north of the corner, have started a big closing out sale. The proprietors have allotted just ten days for the disposal of their complete stock and in order that there will be no hitch in the program they have slashed prices to the bone. Today marked the opening of the sale and in spite of the disagreeable weather it got off to a good start. As yet the firm has been unable to find any rooms in Hammond in which they might enter business again.

WEST HARRIED BY FIERCE DUST STORMS

DENVER, Colo., March 18.—A dust storm which swept down from Wyoming and across Colorado and Nebraska today, reaching velocity of 70 miles an hour, in some sections, did much damage in Eastern Colorado, and Western Nebraska. Buildings were razed and crops uprooted.

CAPT BLEYER BURIED

CHICAGO, March 18.—With neither ceremony nor mourning the body of Capt. Clifford M. Bleyer, slain by Ruth Randall, was taken today from the undertaking rooms where it had been since the tragic ending to his secret romance and placed in a vault in a cemetery here.

Neither Co. Charles E. Bleyer, the father, nor Mrs. Andrew Bleyer, the widow, was present at the interment, it was reported.

PERHAPS B. L. T. WANTS SOME

When the proprietor of the Linden Hotel at 544 Washington street in Gary inserted a classified advertisement in the Gary Times he was unaware that B. L. T. of the Chicago Tribune would make comment on it. In the column "A Line of Type or Two," this is what B. L. T. says:

WHERE DO THEY GET IT?
(From the Lake County Times)

For sale or trade, a big paying hotel and boarding house, 48 rooms, always full.

MEETING IS OF VITAL IMPORTANCE

Realizing the tremendous importance to Hammond's building prospects of having the best informed men of the community present at the session of the Chamber of Commerce housing committee Friday evening, the committee charged with the task of bringing these men together has mailed individual invitations to scores of representative men.

If each man responds to his invitation there will be representatives of labor, finance, employers and material men present. The invitation urges each man to be present at 7:30 o'clock Friday evening.

The following men will be expected to be there to speak for the financial interests: A. J. Swanson, Anton Tapper, Theo. Moor, W. C. Belman, Frank Hammond, David T. Emory, J. N. Beckman, Paul B. Lipinski, A. L. Weil, C. S. Fletcher, Joseph Thompson, M. Rothschild, Paul L. Munchelweier. Invitations were also extended to the secretary and treasurer each of the First Polish Building & Loan Assn., Hammond Building & Loan Assn., Home Building & Loan Assn., Sobieski Building & Loan Assn., Mutual Savings & Loan Assn., West Hammond Building & Loan Assn.

The following men have been asked to represent the building trades unions: G. W. Chapp, John L. Moore, Fred C. Whitton, J. J. Scherer, Linton F. Houston, George Flegler, Charles Shaw, W. O. Bashore, Emmett Reed, Howard W. Hirsch, J. C. Keller, Thomas Harle.

Other branches of the building industry will be represented as follows:

General contractors: M. A. Dickover, George Pearson & Son, Morris Bros., C. S. Rhoads, Rufus Turner, L. G. Meyers, G. A. Johnson, J. F. Wilhelm & Son, R. D. Dikowski, Joe Miller, George Bates, Guy Young, Otto Herhold, Philip Thigpen, Peter Tantis, James Harbaugh, Mike Liss, James Johnson, Beck & Hepper, Frank G. Wall, Roy C. Clark, John F. Rubin, Paul Magnusky, J. K. Depper, Pettit Bros., J. W. Reed.

Architects: Joseph T. Hutton & Son, A. C. Barry.

Mason contractors: M. G. Layne, Paul Althorn, Wolf Bros., Wilhelm & Milda, William Vogt, Shade & Wall, A. F. Carlson, Frank Sidenstodt, Henry Althorn & Son.

Cut stone contractors: William Blumel, Hammond Monumental Works.

Concrete: W. H. Blumel, J. H. Pros, Jake Gidlen, Concrete Products Co.

Electrical: Tri-City Electric Service Co., F. J. Juergens, Indiana Electric Co., Burns-Pollock Electrical Manufacturing Co., Jarvis Electrical Co., Standard Electric Co., Hilda, William Vogt, Shade & Wall, A. F. Ruff.

Lumber: Hammond Lumber Co., Home Lumber Co.

Material: Broker Bros., John F. Tenko, Federholz Bros., David Johnson.

Cement contractors: Beckman Supply Co., Gus W. Wiebeckorn, Carl Pilske.

Mill work: Central Lumber & Mill Co., Hammond Pattern Works.

Plumbing and heating: Central Plumbing Co., John O. Donaldson, George Austen, R. A. Seifert, John H. Ford, Walter J. Walsh, Max Schmidt, J. H. McGuire, Henry McAuliffe, J. A. Dorsey, John Andross, Norbert Stone, William Zimmerman, Campbell Construction Co.

Plaster contractors: Harry Potts, John Otto, Ole Anderson, Albert Buse, John Potts, Oscar Martin, William Rought.

Leather contractors: John Mysliwiec.

Roofers: Calumet Roofing Co., St-Fo Products Co.

Sheet metal: Robert J. Eads, Hammond Cornice Works, Star Sheet Metal Works.

Road contractors: Shea & Co.

Teaming supply: See Teaming Co., John M. Dahlmann, William Prohl.

SOLDIERS MEMORIAL COMMITTEE WORKING

Gradually the proposed soldier's memorial building which is planned for Hammond is taking shape. The memorial committee has been holding meetings regularly since appointed by the city council and it is believed that something definite will be reached within a few weeks so that a report may be made.

Already the committee has received ideas from a number of architects and still more are to be submitted at the next meeting. From the mass of plans suggested the committee will select the one which apparently best meets the requirements of Hammond and recommend it to the council together with estimates of cost of construction.

The problem of selecting a site to be recommended is a difficult one as the peculiar layout of the city makes it hard to choose any particular location which will be easy of access and satisfactory to all parts of the city. Several sites are in view but the committee has made no attempt at making a choice.

HE IS ACTIVE CANDIDATE FOR THE SHRIEVALTY

Byrne Whitaker, regarded as one of the strongest contenders for the republicana nomination for sheriff is making one of the liveliest canvasses ever known in the county. He is the younger brother of Es-Sheriff Whitaker and has pursued an unusually active life. Subsequent to his connection with the livery business, he was foreman at the Standard Steel Car Works in Hammond and was later deputy sheriff for 18 months, enjoying a brilliant record there.

Since leaving the sheriff's office he has been chief of police and health officer at the Edwards Valve plant in Chicago, where 1,000 men are employed, succeeding a man who made so many enemies that he was shot to death. It is said that every one of the 1,000 men will vote for Whitaker. In quelling election and other disorderly outbreaks, settling trade disputes and waging a fight for law and order at every possible opportunity during his career in the Calumet region he has made a great record and his whole life shows what he would do if elected sheriff of Lake county.

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FINAL ACTION ON PEACE PACT DUE TOMORROW

BY J. BART CAMPBELL
[STAFF CORRESPONDENT, I. N. SERVICE] WASHINGTON, March 18.—Final action on the peace treaty by the senate is scheduled for tomorrow, four months after its first defeat on November 19.

Senator Lodge, the Republican leader, served notice he will hold the senate in session tonight if necessary that the resolution of ratification may be brought into final shape before the end of today's session.

Under the rules of the senate the resolution would lie over a day or until tomorrow. A suspension of the rules would, however, permit a final vote on it by tonight. Such a vote is not anticipated, however, until tomorrow.

Senator Lodge plans to get rid of all pending resolutions and amendments and of other loose ends of the treaty situation at today's session so that a final vote will come not later than tomorrow.

Defeat of the treaty for a second time, despite last hour efforts to force ratification, is generally anticipated on all sides.



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WHAT WILL SCHOOL SITE BRING IN?

What will the Central school property bring when it is auctioned off to the highest bidder on the morning of April 1st? That is the question eliciting much diverse opinion among Hammond real estate experts.

The building itself will remain intact and in possession of the school trustees but the property surrounding, comprising eight 50 foot lots will be sold and the money used for new school buildings badly needed in the Maywood and Lincoln school districts.

The method of disposing of the land is unique. A buyer may bid for the whole eight lots, varying in depth from 70 to 150 feet each.

His price will be held under advisement until all bids for separate lots are in. If the total bid proposed by individual buyers exceed that of the buyer offering to purchase the whole eight lots then they will be sold to the individual purchasers.

For the frontage at the northeast corner of Horman and Fayette the price per front foot will probably be around \$1,200 to \$1,500.

Inside lots may go at a figure as high as \$1,500 per front foot. The present assessment of the Lion Store property, originally across the street is \$27,000 for 50 feet. The assessment is considered remarkably low and one realty man ventured to say that the property was easily worth twice as much.

With the selling of the Central school property the children will be moved to Washington school where a wing to that building will be soon under construction.

Central school building will be devoted entirely to vocational work. Classes now attending crowded industrial high school engaged in manual training, shop practice and kindred subjects will be transferred to Central school. The building will continue all the way to house the night school and the superintendent's offices.

There has been no word heard from the party that once before broke up plans to sell the property and whose actions were indorsed by the United States supreme court which handed down a verdict in the case, entitled Bower vs. the Hammond School Board, favorable to the opposition.

RIOT IN N. Y. STRIKE

[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE] NEW YORK, March 18.—Knives, black-jacks and brass knuckles flashed in a small riot today between striking shoe-makers and strike-breakers in Brooklyn. One man was seriously injured but an Irishman's never. And O'Blank had some choice epithets of his own.

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EXTRA

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His name may be O'Holloran or Hogan or McGee. Whatever it is, it can be no divulged. But there is no doubt that he was Irish. For convenience it may be well to name him O'Blank.

Yesterday throughout the length and breadth of the world wherever dwell the sons and daughters of Ireland they gathered to sing and dance and remember the day of St. Patrick. And perhaps, if they were geographically fortunate they drank to the greatest Irishman, and Hammond is a part of the world.

O'Blank, he shall be known as O'Blank, stood on a street corner of the main thoroughfare in Hammond. He was filled with spirits. It was night and high time that he began to celebrate the day. O'Blank was more or less a stranger in the city and he stood on the corner, rocking back and forth, memories of friends and the elegant celebrations of past years crowded upon him. He sighed and a taxi parked a few yards down the street, pulled noiselessly up. The door swung open before him and O'Blank stepped into the cab.

"Around the town around the town," said O'Blank, reminiscently. "You won't stop at Kelly's place nor Mac's, nor the Shamrock Inn, but just drive and I'll argue with myself and settle the Irish question. Just drive 'till I tell you to stop, we're celebrating of St. Patrick's day, so drive and damn expensive."

O'Blank was in splendid spirits and full of the game. And as the cabby willingly circled the town and doubled his tracks O'Blank grew more and more eloquent. "Twas a convention of one assembled in the taxi to settle the Irish question. There was considerable opposition and the debate waxed bitter. But O'Blank and the freedom of old Ireland always won and the opposition after time rose only to fall under a storm of rhetoric and an accumulation of facts of years' standing.

When the taxi regather showed that O'Blank owed the cabby called the caddy Irishman's attention to the fact. They had driven over all obivious of the Gaelic crusader who had been fighting so valiantly for Ireland.

"Drive me to State and Hohman," said O'Blank.

They arrived and O'Blank stumbled out. He felt good—Irishland surely was free, now. His titanic battle with parliament in the confines of the taxi cab had not been for naught.

"Twas a wonderful hearing I gave 'em, eh, boy?" And the cabby assented as he reached out and took the \$17. O'Blank replaced his pocket book and asked for a match. The driver dug for the light. O'Blank's eyes surveyed the cab's exterior. His eyes widened. He staggered a little—blundered a couple times—peered again at the cab from which he had just alighted and ripped out a string of curses that turned the white glare of the street lights to purple. Some curses may be printed, but an Irishman's never. And O'Blank had some choice epithets of his own.

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IS REPORTED A SUICIDE

Spartacist Movement Grows Soviets Spring up all Over Germany.

(Bulletin.)
[INTERNATIONAL NEWS SERVICE] LONDON, March 18.—An Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Amsterdam today stated that according to telephone messages received there from Berlin the rumor is current in the German capital that Wolfgang Von Kapp, who resigned yesterday as chancellor of the German revolutionary government, has committed suicide.

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LOOK LIKE LAKE MICHIGAN

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